

Building:	Former Ellingworth's Estate Agency and Shops	Significance:	B
Address:	580 Station Street, Box Hill	Melway May Ref:	57 D10
Building Type:	Shops	Construction Date:	1911
Architect:	Unknown	Builder:	Garrett & Mawson



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Condition:

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Existing Heritage Listings:

Victorian Heritage Register []
 Register of the National Estate []
 National Trust [x]

Recommended Heritage Listings:

Victorian Heritage Register []
 Register of the National Estate [x]
 Heritage Overlay Controls [x]

History

John R Ellingworth was the elder son of William Ellingworth, foundation member of the Nunawading District Road Board and councillor of the Shire of Nunawading. J R Ellingworth was also a councillor and later Mayor, and vice-president of the Anti-Liquor League.

J R Ellingworth's original estate agency was established in 1890 in a single-storey timber building on land owned by his father on the south-east corner of Station Street and Rutland Road. The present building was built in 1911 on the site of his earlier premises.¹ An early photograph shows that the present building comprised three shops, with the estate agency on the corner, flanked by a shop on each side, facing Station Street and Rutland Road respectively. The Station Street shop was occupied by C H Wright, selling dairy produce, cooled meats and small goods, whilst the Rutland Road shop was occupied by a chemist.

Description

The former Ellingworth's Estate Agency is a double-storey Edwardian corner shop with residence over. The building is dominated by a octagonal corner oriel window and surmounting turret with sheet iron roof. The ground floor has wide round arched windows with leadlight panels. The first floor has two single windows facing Rutland Road, and a shallow faceted bay over Station Street. The original individual shops are separated by shallow brick piers. The roof is concealed behind a rendered parapet with crescent-shaped balustrading typical of the period.

Originally unpainted, the brick and render surfaces have all been painted over, and the original timber-posted verandah has been replaced by a cantilevered verandah. A timber-framed shop front facing Rutland Road, which was extant in 1990, appears to have been altered.

Comparative Examples

Former Railway Hotel, Whitehorse Road (corner Station Street), Box Hill

Significance

The former Ellingworth's estate agency shop building is of considerable historical and aesthetic significance. Although somewhat altered, the building remains a prominent and distinctive Edwardian commercial building dating from a main period of growth of the Box Hill commercial centre. The building has important associations with the prominent Ellingworth family, early settlers in the Box Hill district.

Source

Andrew C Ward & Associates. *City of Box Hill Heritage and Conservation Study*. 1990.

Additional Historical Information

Eleanor Finlay & Marjorie Morgan. *The Days Before Yesterday: A Picture Book of Early Box Hill*. Box Hill, 1993. p 15.

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